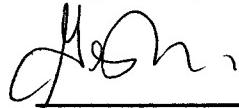


**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 – 8 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice. Since the remaining claims are allowed, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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